

# TEC NEWS

SERVING THE HOBBY WITH HISTORY AND CURRENT NEWS ON ELONGATED COINS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you for the Get Well Cards, there were some in the mail almost every day for the last month or so. I'm walking better now, and my heart seems to have improved, but I'm still weak, and tire quickly. Only have pains in my chest when I get over tired now, which is a lot better than before, sure is nice to breathe again without hurting. I'm still having a bit of trouble with my neck, and it seems I have a lot of nerve damage where my forehead hit the windshield. It's almost 8 weeks since the auto accident, and my right thumb is still swollen and sore, even tho I'm getting treatments every day (Except Sat. & Sun. when the Doctor's Office is closed). I'm still not able to drive, and have to rely on other people to take me places.

Enough on me, the main thing I want to tell you is TEC's 3rd ANNUAL CONVENTION is to be held in conjunction with the ANA Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., at the SHERATON HOTEL, August 12 through 16, 1969. So, get your reservations in early.

### TEC's MEETINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, August 13th, 1:00 P.M., Room 548 for Board of  
DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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GENERAL MEETING

Henry Blaha will present the program. Also the awards elongateds will be presented to those who earned them in 1968. We hope all that have earned an awards elongated will be there to receive it in person.

Also remember that this is election year. Officers are elected every two years, to serve a two year term. All members in good standing, with their dues paid up for 1969, are entitled to vote and will be sent a ballot. Results of the Election will be announced at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, and new officers will be installed at that time.

The Chairman of the Nominating committee is: GORDON Z. GREENE, P.O.Box 3412, South El Monte, Ca., 91733. Working with him are: BETTY CASE and CLIFF KRIEDEL. TEC is indeed fortunate to have three such prominent numismatists on this important committee.

To those of you that are TAMS members, the General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on SATURDAY, August 16th. I just found out, after having the elongated engraved for Friday, August 15th. This elongated is always given free to those attending the TAMS Luncheon, to those unable to attend, it will be offered for sale, by me, after the Convention at \$ 1.00 each. This will be the fourth one in a series, each TAMS' elongated since 1966 has had a different Coin Press on it. This year's elongated will have a modern Coin Press in use at the Franklin Mint. My thanks go to JOE SEGEL, President, of the Franklin Mint, for the very fine photo he sent of the Coin Press. This is what was used by DON DOW, who did the artwork.

Hope to see a big turn out for TEC's 3rd ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Elongatedly,

Dottie Dow, President

P.S. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE, send your \$ 2.00 dues NOW!!!! Send to:

ALICE MOON, Secretary, 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich. 48209

by DON SABO, TEC # 341

REMEMBER DUES MUST BE PAID BY JULY 1st, IN ORDER FOR THE BALLOTS TO BE SENT TO YOU. THIS GIVES THE COMMITTEE TIME ENOUGH TO MAIL BALLOTS, AND GET THEM BACK IN TIME TO TAKE TO THE CONVENTION. THERE THEY WILL BE OPENED AND COUNTED BEFORE THE TIME OF THE GENERAL MEETING. SUPPORT TEC AND THE HOBBY.....PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!!!

NEW ISSUES::: Our President, Dottie Dow, has issued THE SERENITY PRAYER on elongated cents and sent in the following story with her announcement:

#### ORIGIN OF THE SERENITY PRAYER

The Serenity Prayer has been credited to almost every theologian, philosopher, and Saint known to man. The one who actually wrote it was Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. It was written about 1932, and was actually the ending of a much longer prayer.

Two years later, Dr. Howard Robbins, a friend and neighbor of Dr. Niebuhr, asked if he could have permission to use this part of the longer prayer:

"GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT  
THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE,  
COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN,  
AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE."

He wanted to use it in a book he was compiling at the time. Dr. Robbins' "Book of Prayers" which was published in 1934.

In 1939, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous was reading an obituary in the New York Times, and there was the prayer. He thought so much of it, and how it suited their needs, that he took it to one of the heads of A.A. and from that time on, it has become a part of A.A. Literature.

It is a prayer, that could suit anyone, in any walk of life.

Dottie Dow

You may order The Serenity Prayer on elongated cents from DOTTIE DOW, P.O. Box 5238, Phoenix, Ariz., 85010. 50¢ each or 10 for 2.50 to TEC Members only.....

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ELONGATED SPEAKERS AND EXHIBITORS: NOVELLA WATSON gave a talk on elongated coins on April 21st at the Osage Coin Club in Oklahoma. She also displayed a portion of her collection.

RUBY THRELKELD gave a talk and showed part of her elongated collection in March in the big state of Texas. (Mentioning Texas have you heard that Alaska is planning on dividing itself just to make Texas the third largest state?)

MARIE TRINNY recently won another first on her exhibiting of elongated coins. Her theme was "PROCESS OF ELONGATING COINS".

DOTTIE DOW won a first prize at the A.S.N.A. Annual Convention in Tucson on her elongated exhibit in January.

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STOLEN: Mrs. John LaBelle, TEC # 241, Granada Hills, Calif. wrote the Editor that her entire collection of over 300 elongated coins were stolen from her home and that she will pay a reward for any information that will lead to the recovery of her collection. The pieces were in red Continental Stock books and most of them were in yellow 2x2's. All her pieces with her TEC # 241 were also included. Many were unlisted pieces and a few pieces of jewelry such as a tie tack, a bracelet and pin with pieces of the Chicago World's Fair on them were also included. She writes that though she's heartsick over the loss she is starting another collection of elongateds.

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TREASURE ALBUM DISTRIBUTORS, 9245 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Ca. 92503 has issued a new elongated for the famous MISSION INN of Riverside. The Inn is known world wide and in its history has sheltered many famous people from all over the world. A story will be in the next issue. You may order the piece on cents only for 50¢ or 3 for \$ 1.00.

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ON THE NEXT PAGE YOU WILL FIND THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE MEMBERS THAT THEY HAVE SELECTED AND NOMINATED TO BE ON THE BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF "TEC". PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT IS WITH REGRET THAT TIME WILL NOT ALLOW THE EDITOR TO PUBLISH DATA ON THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN NOMINATED. ALL ARE EQUALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING "TEC" AND THE HOBBY IN THE COMING TWO YEARS.



THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAVING MET AND DISCUSSED MEMBERS CAPABLE OF BEING THE OFFICERS OF "TEC" IN THE COMING TWO YEARS SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING:

PRESIDENT:	HENRY BLAHA	
	WARREN BUNGE	
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VICE PRESIDENT:	RALPH JOBE	
	STEVE PENZES	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER:	ALICE MOON	
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	JUDY SABEL LESSNER	GORDON Z. GREENE
	MAURICE GOULD	LEE MARTIN
	ED McCLUNG	LLOYD WAGAMAN

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Three to be elected to the Board of Directors  
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BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED IMMEDIATELY AFTER JULY 1st TO ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS. BALLOTS WILL BE SENT ALONG WITH TWO ENVELOPES. ONE ENVELOPE WILL BE MARKED "BALLOT" AND IN THIS YOU WILL PLACE YOUR BALLOT, AFTER MARKING, AND SEAL THE ENVELOPE. THE SECOND ENVELOPE WILL BE ADDRESSED TO: HAROLD SCHMAL, PHOENIX, ARIZ. IN THIS ENVELOPE PLACE YOUR "BALLOT ENVELOPE" AND MAIL TO HAROLD POSTMARKED BEFORE JULY 15th. UPON RECEIPT THE BALLOT ENVELOPES WILL BE REMOVED AND KEPT SEALED UNTIL TAKEN TO THE CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA. THEY WILL BE OPENED AT THE CONVENTION AND COUNTED AND THE RESULTS MADE KNOWN. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY WRITING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE "BALLOT" ENVELOPE.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A short biography had been planned for publication in "TEC NEWS" on each of the persons who won nomination to office. It is with regret that time and space will not permit it at this late date. Your editor had not planned another issue this quick after the last one. Our president, DOTTIE DOW, requested that this information be published concerning dates of our meetings in Philadelphia as soon as it could so that members could make their reservations and so forth.

EACH of the persons nominated are capable of leading "TEC" and it is hoped that every paid-up member will exercise their right to vote. It is your privilege and obligation to vote for the persons of your choice.

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NOTICE:::::EVERY EFFORT IS BEING EXPENDED TO MAKE "TEC NEWS" A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH THE HOPE OF ALL MEMBERS. AS AN ORGANIZATION WITH MEMBERS SO WIDELY SEPARATED BY GEOGRAPHY IT BECOMES VITAL THAT EACH AND EVERY MEMBER BECOMES INDIVIDUALLY INVOLVED. "TEC" NEEDS THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL AND EACH OF ITS MEMBERS. HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?? 'TIS EASIER THAN YOU THINK!! SOME OF THE WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED ARE: SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOBBY BY WRITING AN ARTICLE ON YOUR FAVORITE "ELONGATED".--CLIP ANY ARTICLE YOU READ ON ELONGATED COINS AND SEND IT IN TO YOUR EDITOR. (BE SURE AND NOTE PUBLICATION AND DATE.)--REPORT YOUR EXHIBITING OF OR SPEAKING ON ELONGATED COINS.--OFFER SUGGESTIONS AND CRITICISMS TO IMPROVE "TEC NEWS".--OBTAIN NEW MEMBERS.--EXPRESS YOUR OPINION OF "TEC NEWS".--(Did you know that only thirteen members commented favorably on the pictures that were published? Or that only three have asked "What happened to the pictures?") THE JOB OF EDITOR IS ABOUT THE MOST UNAPPRECIATED JOB IN ANY ORGANIZATION, SO IT IS WITH "TEC". THE EDITOR PAYS THE SAME AMOUNT OF DUES LIKE ANY OTHER MEMBER. WHY DOES HE DO IT?? HE DOES IT FOR THE HOBBY, TO MAKE IT INTERESTING FOR ALL TO SHARE, TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE AND TO MAKE FRIENDS. HIS REWARD IS SMALL EXCEPT FOR THE SO FEW LETTERS FROM MEMBERS WHO EXPRESSES WHOLEHEARTEDLY THEIR APPRECIATION OF HIS EFFORTS. BECOME INVOLVED IN SOME WAY, THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION. HELP IT, BECOME A PART OF IT. THE EDITOR NEEDS ARTICLES AND INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION. WON'T YOU HELP?? "TEC NEWS" IS PERHAPS THE ONLY CONTACT BETWEEN ALL OF US. LET'S MAKE IT AN ACTIVE AND POWERFUL CONTACT.....BECOME INVOLVED!!!!!!!!!!

ED McCLUNG, "TEC" Editor